



## Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2013

10:00 -11:30 am

**Child & Family**

1268 Eddy Street

Providence, RI 02903

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### Minutes

**Present:** Tom Nerney, Virginia Burke, Deborah Burton, Kathleen **Heren**, Maureen Maigret, Donna McGowan, Madeline Vincent, Holly Garvey, Dawn Wardyga, Jennifer Reio, Lisa Pontarelli, Joan Kwiatkowski, Gail Patry, Jim Nyberg, Cynthia Conant-Arp, Jenn Bergeron, Nicholas Oliver, Tina Spears, Roberta Merkle, Deanna Casey, Bonnie Sekeres.

1. **Nursing Home Report – Madeline Vincent for Ray Rusin** - There Have Been 3 Problems with Monitoring in the Past Year
  - On March 2013, Evergreen House found a problem in compliance monitoring.
  - Cortland Place in **Greenwich** found two violations (March and November 2012). Although they are tagged as the same violation, they were actually two different problems. As a result, Cortland Place is on cycle until the end of the year.
2. **Gail Patry Presented a Powerpoint on Healthcentric's work streams** (*slides available upon request*)
  - The Lt. Governor stated that she would like to coordinate with CMS on federal initiatives, such as ACO's. Gail explained that the care transitions contract has some restraints, but does provide for some assistance for ACO applicants. There is also coaching that is administered through CCPT and the bundled payment initiatives.
  - Dementia Collaborative - The Nursing Home Quality Collaborative recruited the highest percentage of nursing homes (51%) in the cohort. 100% are participating in the Advancing Excellence Campaign voluntarily.
  - To help with the dissemination of the educational segments among staff who could not attend, they're formatted into 10-15 minute Train the Trainer segments that can be used for staff trainings.
  - The University of Rhode Island Geriatric Education Center (GEC) is using the training segments as well and is making sure that it is not duplicating the work

already provided. The GEC is also reaching out to physicians and medical directors for a half-day training session on May 23.

- Additionally, Gail added that CMS recently conducted a special study with 20 Nursing Home caregivers to better implement palliative care programs in hospitals. As per the results of this study, there will be a more concerted effort to recruit homes for that new program soon.
- Dawn Wardyga asked if there was anything that was not Medicare specific. Are there any quality indicators in the childhood population? Most are in home care; are the LTC service quality indicators for all ages?
  - Gail Patry noted that the only relevant initiative she could think of out of healthcentric is their work publicizing the community resources out of The Point.
- AHRQ has a research grant to enable it to recruit recent home care recipients so that they have more available to them to make decisions in regards to quarterly reports. It was noted that there is a website that collects this type of information about decision-making and what is influential about these decisions. This website could serve as a tool for future decision-making.
- Joan Kwiatkowski noted that the website does not include other providers, so it is not possible to get a view of the spectrum of services being offered.
  - Gail added that its their hope this is the first of many AHRQ grants.

### **3. Legislative Committee Update – Lindsay McAllister**

#### **a. Letters of Support from the LTCCC went to respective Committees:**

- i. S 525 / H 5414 – to restore state’s SSI enhanced reimbursement for low income individuals who are living in assisted living residences.
- ii. S 68 / H 5217 – to reform Community Senior Services Grant formula.
- iii. S 615 / H 5155 – to require assessment of caregiver needs as part of the long-term care counseling program.

#### **b. Hearings Being Held in coming week**

- H 5538 - PCA regulation
- Back-up generators (see below)
- H 5889 - Temporary Caregivers Insurance

#### **c. Continuing to monitor the following bills:**

- H 5539 - Background Check Bill (Attorney General bill, still working out concerns – particularly regarding ongoing cost)
- S 649 - Medical Records (Lt. Governor bill, new draft forthcoming)
- H 5651 - Generators (Lt. Governor bill, new draft forthcoming)

### **4. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.**